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Identical letters dated 4 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 4 March 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities carried out on 4 March 2003

I. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. to inspect the premises of the Nahrawan site of the Bassel State Company, an affiliate of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). The team inspected one of the new pilot units and learned about its working methods, then inspected the other areas of the site. After completing its assignment, which lasted one hour, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

The team left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 10.30 a.m. for the site of the Ibn Firnas State Company, an affiliate of MIC. It asked about the company's activities with respect to remote-controlled aircraft (types and sizes), then examined the aircraft which were currently on site. The team then inspected the factories and areas devoted to the manufacture of remote-controlled aircraft. After completing its assignment, which lasted 3 hours 40 minutes, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

1. The first group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and travelled to the site in Taji district where the Technical Battalion is stationed. The group observed the destruction of three Sumud-2 missiles, five missile engines and one launching platform. Once the destruction process, which lasted five hours, was complete, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

2. The second group left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. for the Ma'mun factory, a subsidiary of the Rashid State Company. The group observed the destruction of a second solid fuel casting chamber. A small group then went to the site of the Qa`qa` State Company and tagged Sumud-2 missile warheads. After completing its assignment, which lasted seven hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. U-2 surveillance aircraft

At 9.45 a.m., a U-2 surveillance aircraft entered Iraqi airspace and spent 6 hours 25 minutes overflying various regions of the country. The aircraft left Iraqi airspace at 4.10 p.m.

V. Meetings

UNMOVIC requested to meet in person with three Iraqi experts in a hotel in Baghdad. The National Monitoring Directorate contacted two of them and encouraged them to meet the inspectors in person. The third expert could not be contacted as he was abroad. UNMOVIC met one of the experts but not the other, because he insisted that the interview should be recorded.

VI. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Baghdad

At 8.10 a.m., two inspectors left the Rashid airfield on board a helicopter to carry out a reconnaissance flight over the site of the North Oil Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Oil. The inspectors took photographs of all the installations belonging to the company. After completing their assignment, which lasted one hour, the inspectors returned to the Rashid airfield.

VII. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

The team left the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul at 9 a.m. and travelled to the Customs Department for the northern region, which comes under the Ministry of Finance. The team met Department officials and questioned them about the number of warehouses, the type of goods stored and the number of employees. The officials were also asked whether customs files existed and whether they had any computers. The team examined the Department's files, then inspected the warehouses and areas belonging to it. After completing its assignment, which lasted two hours, the team returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel.